



Helen N. Kolanowski, age 76 of Manistee, Michigan died Monday, March 4, 2013 at Bauer House Assisted Living Home in Manistee.

She was born on January 12, 1937 in Ashland, Wisconsin daughter of the late Joseph & Anna (Kozacik) Brandis. She was a graduate of Ondossagon High School in Barksdale, WI with the class of 1954.

Helen married Arthur S. Kolanowski on October 20, 1956 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. After her marriage to Art she devoted her life to raising her family and after her children were grown Helen was employed for 20 years with Wahr Hardware in Manistee until her retirement. She was inducted into the M.C.C. Hall of Fame in 2007 by the Harvest Fling Committee. Helen was active in volunteering at Manistee Catholic Central School activities where she served as an officer for the Band Boosters and also a part of the Home & School Association. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Rosary/Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur S. Kolanowski of Manistee, MI, one daughter & son-in-law: Pamela & Brian Janowiak of Indianapolis, IN, and their children Stefan & Hannah, three sons & two daughters-in-law: Reverend Ronald Kolanowski of Storrs, CT, and his children Joshua, Benjamin & Anna, Tim & Lori Kolanowski of Manistee, MI and their son Michael (Lauren) Kolanowski, and Mark & Ann Kolanowski of Grand Rapids, MI, and their children Mia & Leah, two sisters, Bernadine Fortier and Emily Washnieski, both of Manistee, MI, 5 sisters-in-law & one brother-in-law Barbara Brandis, Jessie Brandis, Marge Brandis and Jean Brandis all of WI., Audrey & Ronald Deising of Manistee, MI, two brothers-in-law & one sister-in-law, Kenneth & Linda Kolanowski of Dewitt MI and Richard Kolanowski of Ocean City, Maryland. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

Helen was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Mary Kolanowski, her sister, Julia Doleys and six brothers Joseph, Andrew, John, Frank, Stanley & Edward Brandis, her father-in-law & mother-in-law, George & Germaine Kolanowski and her sister-in-law Julie Kolanowski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday Evening, March 8, 2013 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where members of the St. Joseph Rosary Society will pray the rosary at 7:30 p.m., followed by an Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. Friends may begin calling at the funeral home on Friday after 6:00 p.m.

A Memorial has been established in Helen's name for St. Joseph Catholic Church and Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.